Harassment of BDS students

3104. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bachelor of Dental Science (BDS) students studying in CCS University, Meerut affiliated institutions are mentally traumatized and harassed due to the absence of any exam related grievances redressal mechanism and had to approach the court of law to get justice;

(b) if so, the number of times the Lucknow High Court or the other judicial authorities have to intervene during the last five years; and

(c) the details of the cases and decisions given by the court and the action taken thereon by concerned college, University and the Dental Council of India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) BDS Course Regulations envisage that any candidate who fails in one subject in BDS course is permitted to go to the next higher class and appear for the failed subject and complete it successfully before he is permitted to appear for the next higher examination. As per DCI norms and standards, any student who completes 240 educational days can only appear in the next examinations. Some of the students demanded to allow them to appear in the next examinations which were rejected by the University. Hence they filed writ petitions in the High court.

(b) There were three writ petitions filed in the High Court of Allahabad and Lucknow Bench.

(c) The details are as under:—

(i) Writ No. 5439, year 2007, Utkarsh Tripathi, S/o Sri. O.S. Tripathi — the applicant was provisionally allowed to appear in the 4 year of BDS course.

(ii) Writ No. 24060, year 2009, Gourav Verma, S/o B.G. Verma — the applicant was not allowed to appear in the BDS course examination.

(iii) Writ No. 29565, Year 2009, Shruti Shekhar and others — 5 students were allowed to appear in the BDS 2nd year examination.

Infant and maternal mortality in the country

3105. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed findings of UNICEF's 'the State of the world's children 2009, maternal and newborn health' Report;

(b) whether child birth becomes a death sentence for 78,000 mothers, in the country annually, where a pregnant woman dies every 7 minutes;

(c) whether 50 per cent pregnancy deaths are of SC/ST mothers;